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1. On 10 April 1953, the barracks installations in Perleberg were occupied as was observed before. There was normal vehicular and supply traffic from 1 to 5 April.                      Germans were strictly forbidden to enter the Fliegerhorst Kaserne between 1 and 7 April. After 7 April, the troops no longer moved out to the garrison training grounds for daily exercises. Advance details from the Artillerie Kaserne and, apparently, also from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne departed for Camp Schweinrich. 25X1

2. On 1 April, the barracks installations in Perleberg were occupied to capacity, namely the Fliegerhorst Kaserne by 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the Artillerie Kaserne by 1,700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The troops would daily move out to the troop training grounds.                      the troops will move to the summer camp during the last week in April. It was said that the airfield will not be reoccupied by Soviet troops after these return from the summer camp but will quarter VP air force units. On 17 March, the units of Perleberg post were sworn-in at the Fliegerhorst. A unit of 1,400 to 1,500 troops left the Artillerie Kaserne at about 10:30 a.m., marched to the Fliegerhorst and returned to the barracks installation at about 3 p.m. 25X1

1. Comment.                      the elements of the 18th Mech Div stationed in Perleberg were still at the post by 10 April. The departure to Camp Schweinrich of advance details shows that, this year, the division will again move to the Wittstock troop training grounds. The time of the departure could not be determined. Last year, the division moved out after 12 April. Information on the planned quartering of VPL at Perleberg airfield is received for the first time. It appears improbable that such a unit will be stationed directly along the border. 25X1

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